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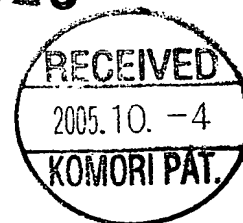
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1,4-6,9,10,12,13 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ 2,7 _____ received by this Authority on _____ 16 April 2004 (16.04.2004)
- pages* _____ 3,8,11 _____ received by this Authority on _____ 16 July 2004 (16.07.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ 2,3,5-8 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ 1 _____ received by this Authority on _____ 16 April 2004 (16.04.2004)
- pages* _____ 4 _____ received by this Authority on _____ 16 July 2004 (16.07.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
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International application No.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

1-8

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

1-8

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-8

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-8

Document 1: JP, 2001-96764, A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 10 April, 2001 (10.04.01), page 1, [0006]-[0010], [0030]-[0033], [0038], all drawings

Document 2: JP, 2002-254670, A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 11 September, 2002 (11.09.02), [0007], [0024], [0030], all drawings

Documents 1 and 2 are documents showing the general state of the art in this technical field, and respectively disclose an upper cover that is installed on a carriage in such a manner that it can be opened and closed in the vertical direction and that presses and holds the top face of an ink cartridge toward the bottom face. However, they neither describe nor suggest a front cover that is installed on a carriage in such a manner that it can be opened and closed in the horizontal direction and that presses and holds the front face of an ink cartridge toward the rear face and presses and holds a second lateral face of the ink cartridge toward a first lateral face.